

DISPOSAL OF INFECTED BIRD CARCASSES IN SANITARY LANDFILLS

The following procedures will be followed to ensure safe receipt and disposal of Avian Flu infected materials (birds, litter, etc.)

- ❑ When they arrive at the landfill, all trucks that transport poultry carcasses will be directed away from the active working face to an area specified for carcass disposal.
- ❑ A single trench (or multiple trenches) will be excavated into existing waste for carcass disposal. Excavated solid waste will be staged adjacent to the trench for application to deposited carcasses.
- ❑ Trucks will back up to the excavated trench and deposit their loads. Any carcasses that do not fall directly into the trench will be immediately placed into the excavation.
- ❑ Drivers and passengers must remain in their truck from the time it enters the disposal area until disinfection of the truck is completed.
- ❑ Deposited carcasses will be covered immediately with at least two feet of excavated solid waste.
- ❑ Multiple trucks may off-load into the same excavated trench, provided off-loading is performed immediately upon arrival at the landfill. Carcasses must be covered progressively when multiple trucks are off-loading in the same excavation.
- ❑ Once emptied, trucks will pull forward for disinfection. All vehicles will be pressure washed with a disinfectant approved by the DEM Division of Agriculture. The entire vehicle (excluding the interior of the vehicle cab) will be disinfected, including tires, wheel wells, undercarriages, and both the internal and external surfaces of truck/trailer beds, sidewalls, tailgates, and tarps.
- ❑ All disinfection spray and overspray will be directed to flow back into the excavated trench. No runoff from the disinfection will occur.
- ❑ Any equipment or personnel protective equipment used to manage the carcasses or other contaminated material must be disinfected or disposed of at the end of the day or as appropriate. No material used to manage carcasses shall leave the disposal area without disinfection.
- ❑ The landfill must maintain an active bird management program at all times to minimize the potential for wild bird exposure to poultry carcasses.